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<b>Office Action Summary</b>	<b>Application No.</b> 10/781,902	<b>Applicant(s)</b> PARK, CHEOL-JIN	
	<b>Examiner</b> Tuan T. Dinh	<b>Art Unit</b> 2841	

-- The MAILING DATE of this communication appears on the cover sheet with the correspondence address --

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#### Status

- 1) ☒ Responsive to communication(s) filed on 27 September 2006.
- 2a) ☐ This action is **FINAL**.                      2b) ☒ This action is non-final.
- 3) ☐ Since this application is in condition for allowance except for formal matters, prosecution as to the merits is closed in accordance with the practice under *Ex parte Quayle*, 1935 C.D. 11, 453 O.G. 213.

#### Disposition of Claims

- 4) ☒ Claim(s) 1-10 and 12-24 is/are pending in the application.
- 4a) Of the above claim(s) 6-9, 12, 13, 15 and 18-21 is/are withdrawn from consideration.
- 5) ☒ Claim(s) 10 and 23 is/are allowed.
- 6) ☒ Claim(s) 1-5, 14, 16, 22 and 24 is/are rejected.
- 7) ☒ Claim(s) 17 is/are objected to.
- 8) ☐ Claim(s) \_\_\_\_\_ are subject to restriction and/or election requirement.

#### Application Papers

- 9) ☐ The specification is objected to by the Examiner.
- 10) ☐ The drawing(s) filed on \_\_\_\_\_ is/are: a) ☐ accepted or b) ☐ objected to by the Examiner.  
Applicant may not request that any objection to the drawing(s) be held in abeyance. See 37 CFR 1.85(a).  
Replacement drawing sheet(s) including the correction is required if the drawing(s) is objected to. See 37 CFR 1.121(d).
- 11) ☐ The oath or declaration is objected to by the Examiner. Note the attached Office Action or form PTO-152.

#### Priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119

- 12) ☒ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
- a) ☒ All    b) ☐ Some \*    c) ☐ None of:
1. ☒ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
2. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. \_\_\_\_\_.
3. ☐ Copies of the certified copies of the priority documents have been received in this National Stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).

\* See the attached detailed Office action for a list of the certified copies not received.

#### Attachment(s)

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## DETAILED ACTION

### *Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 103*

1. The following is a quotation of 35 U.S.C. 103(a) which forms the basis for all obviousness rejections set forth in this Office action:

(a) A patent may not be obtained though the invention is not identically disclosed or described as set forth in section 102 of this title, if the differences between the subject matter sought to be patented and the prior art are such that the subject matter as a whole would have been obvious at the time the invention was made to a person having ordinary skill in the art to which said subject matter pertains. Patentability shall not be negated by the manner in which the invention was made.

2. Claims 1-5, 14, 16, 22, 24 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over McCutchan et al. (US 5,864,478) in view of Handforth et al. (US 6,061,241).

As to claims 1-5, 14, 16, McCutchan et al. discloses an inverter power module as shown in figure 1, comprising: a main board (11, column 2, line 52) having a power block (15, column 2, line 56, and 17, column 2, line 59) is arranged, the power block further including a plurality of first elements through hole-mounted on a front side of the main board and a sub-board mounting part (17) (claim 2); and a sub-board (13, column 2, line 54) having component is arranged, see figure 1, and is mounted on the main board (11), the sub-board mounting part (17) comprising at least one connector and the sub-board comprises a pin header (19, column 2, line 60) corresponding to the connector.

McCutchan et al. does not specific disclose an inverter block, which has second elements surface-mounted on one side or on front-back sides of the sub-board.

Handforth et al. shows an inverter module (200), the module having an inverter element (24), which is a FET, and having a plurality of surface mounted components mounted on a substrate (12).

It would have been obvious to one having ordinary skill in the art at the time the invention was made to have a teaching of Handforth et al. employed in the module of McCutchan et al. in order to achieve high productivity and functions operated in the circuit board.

Regarding claims 22, 24, Handforth shows the inverter block (200) (the block includes a FET 24) capable of being function to invert DC to AC.

### ***Allowable Subject Matter***

3. Claims 10, 23 are allowed.

The following is an examiner's statement of reasons for allowance: neither the references cited nor the cited of references do teach or suggest the first elements comprise a line filter; X-cap; Y-cap; a power-IC; an input rectifying block comprising a first switching FET; an output rectifying block comprising a diode, an inductor, and a capacitor, and a feedback circuit block comprising a photo-coupler, a power transformer, and an inverter transformer, and the second elements comprise a dimming element; an inverter-IC; a second switching FET; a third switching FET; a first protection element, and a second protection element.

Any comments considered necessary by applicant must be submitted no later than the payment of the issue fee and, to avoid processing delays, should preferably

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accompany the issue fee. Such submissions should be clearly labeled "Comments on Statement of Reasons for Allowance."

4. Claim 17 is objected to as being dependent upon a rejected base claim, but would be allowable if rewritten in independent form including all of the limitations of the base claim and any intervening claims.

### ***Response to Arguments***

5. Applicant's arguments filed 09/27/06 have been fully considered but they are not persuasive.

6. Applicant's arguments with respect to claims 1-5, 10, 14, 16-17, and 22-24 have been considered but are moot in view of the new ground(s) of rejection.

Applicant argues:

For claims 1 and 16, McCutchan and Handforth do not disclose "an invert block". Examiner disagrees because in Handforth that teaches a module (200) including a FET (24), so the module (200) having a function at least element (24) do invert current that applied into the module (200).

Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Tuan T. Dinh whose telephone number is 571-272-1929. The examiner can normally be reached on M-F.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Reichard Dean can be reached on 571-272-1984. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 571-273-8300.

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A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Tuan Dinh', with a long, sweeping horizontal stroke extending to the right.

Tuan Dinh  
December 05, 2006.